

REMARKS

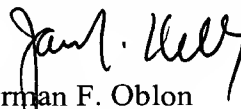
Claims 1-25 are pending.

Applicants have now submitted a Sequence Listing and a corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing, and an amendment. Contents of the paper copy of the Sequence Listing and the computer-readable Sequence Listing are identical. Support for all the sequences listed in the Sequence Listing can be found in the present application. No new matter is introduced by the submission of the Sequence Listing and the computer-readable Sequence Listing.

Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

At page 20, please delete the Abstract of the Disclosure in its entirety and insert the substitute Abstract of the Disclosure attached hereto.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 20 (Abstract), after the last line, beginning on the next page, please delete the Sequence Listing at pages 1-18 and insert the Sequence Listing attached hereto.